

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claims 18-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims
5 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujii et al. (6,263,734) in view of Kaneko (5,239,870) further in view of Yoshida et al. (6,293,149).

10 **1.Rejection of claims 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):**

Claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), for reasons of record that can be found on pages 2-3 in the Office action identified above, which is part of paper no.01122004.

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Response:

Claims 12-17 have been canceled without disclaimer as to their merit as filed and are no longer in need of consideration.

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2.Allowable subject matter:

Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claims 18-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in dependent form
25 including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response:

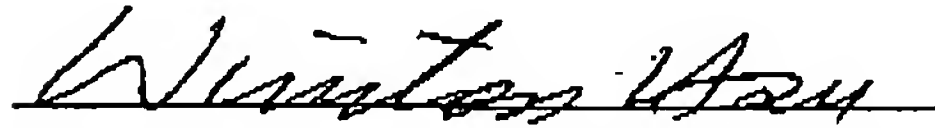
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30 as to their merit as filed and are no longer in need of consideration.

With the cancellation of claims 12-23, all claims in the present application, namely, claims 1-11 are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

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Sincerely yours,



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